

ABSTRACT

A linear light source (A) includes an insulating substrate (1), a plurality of light emitting elements (3) arranged in a row on the substrate (1), a wiring pattern (2) formed on the substrate (1) in electrical connection with the plurality of light emitting elements (3) for dividing the plurality of light emitting elements (3) into a plurality of groups ($B_1 \sim B_n$), and a first and a second terminals (23a, 23b) in conduction with the wiring pattern (2). The plurality of light emitting elements (3) define a plurality of intervals ($P_1 \sim P_{2n-1}$) between adjacent light emitting elements. The plurality of intervals ($P_1 \sim P_{2n-1}$) are set to differ from each other in length.